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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, VE

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM RELATIONSHIPS--COMMENTS OF GENERAL ALFONZO

1. THE INGERSOLLS AND THE ROGERS HAD A PLEASANT DINNER WITH THE GENERAL AND SENORA ALFONZO RAVARD THURSDAY NIGHT.

2. THE GENERAL WAS ELOQUENT BUT UTTERLY CONGENIAL ON VENEZUELA'S LONG-FELT SENSE THAT WE HAD DISCRIMINATED AND CONTINUED TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST IT IN OUR ENERGY POLICIES -- ENTITLEMENTS, CANADA-MEXICO PREFERENCES AND SO  
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FORTH. HE THOUGHT THE SECRETARY'S TRIP WOULD BE MOST

USEFUL TO HELP DEMONSTRATE THAT WE DO CARE.

3. HE TOLD ANOTHER GUEST, WHO LATER REPEATED IT TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY, THAT THERE REMAINED DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. I RECKON THIS, WITHOUT MUCH EVIDENCE, THAT HE HAD IN MIND OUR OCCASIONAL STATEMENTS ABOUT THE DISUTILITY OF THE PETROLEUM PRICE INCREASES. HE ALSO IS REPORTED TO HAVE STRESSED THE NEED FOR US TO PROMOTE GREATER US INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT IN AGRI/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN VENEZUELA. HE HOPES THAT OUR EMBASSY CAN BE MORE VIGOROUS IN THIS EFFORT.

4. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE SECRETARY HANDLE THE INEVITABLE QUESTION ABOUT PETROLEUM PROPERTY COMPENSATION BY SAYING

THAT NO ISSUE IS PRESENTED BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS SINCE NO COMPANY HAS PROTESTED TO US. SISCO

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